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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is building a knowledge economy;

(b) if so, the progress achieved so far; and

(c) the future programmes of the Government in this regard? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): Since knowledge is increasingly playing an important role in all areas of economic activities in the country, as elsewhere, Central Government is supporting human capital formation through a massive expansion of Higher Education during the XIth Plan including the setting up of 30 new Central Universities (CU) including one CU in each of the 16 uncovered States, setting up of 8 IITs, 7 IIMs, 5 IISERs, 2 SPAs, 10 NITs, 20 IIITs, incentivising State Governments for establishing 370 new Degree Colleges in Districts with low Gross Enrolment Ratio and number of institutions less than 4 per lakh of population., 1000 new Polytechnics (300 in Government Sector, 300 in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and 400 in Private Sector) and 6000 good quality secondary schools at Block level at the rate of one school in each Block, which will serve us benchmark of excellence for other schools in the area.